

CHAMBERLAIN'S
CRUCIAL TIME.

London Awaits Result of Liberal Attack on Him.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The assembling of Parliament has supplied much-needed zest to life in England. The mere handful of members known as the Opposition started the attack on the government with such a united front that the session, short as it will be, promises to rival those famous debates which marked the days when Mr. Gladstone tried to force home rule through the House.

The spectacle of the entire Liberal party concentrating every personal and political energy against one man keeps the nation keyed up to a high pitch, awaiting the next move in the dramatic encounter. If Mr. Chamberlain comes through unscathed it will be nothing short of marvelous.

The War Office officials are greatly disturbed by the successful guerrilla tactics of Gen. De Wet, but they cherish the idea that he must soon cease to be dangerous, owing to his inability to secure new horses. Efforts are being made to keep De Wet away from the Cape Colony frontier, for the War Office believes he is getting the bulk of his supplies from that point.

Some frank opinions concerning Richard Harding Davis have been appearing in the English papers this week. They were called out by a letter in the London Times, signed by a representative body of women of various nationalities, resident at Pretoria throughout the war, in which they emphatically repudiated Mr. Davis's charges referring to imprisoned British officers' behavior toward women.

Trouble threatens London's new tube road. Many residents under whose houses the electric trains run have complained to see for lampposts, alleged to be caused by the vibration. They have subscribed £1000 to fight in the courts. They maintain that though the tube is at an average of fifty feet below the surface the windows of the houses are rattled, the occupants awakened and ornaments shaken every time a train passes.

If any degree of success meets their efforts it will seriously retard the attempt to give London decent rapid transit. An extraordinary reversal of the usual conditions appears in the English meat market, and it is likely that English beef will soon be palmed off as American. Hitherto the opposite has always been the case. But, by clever manipulation, the American shippers have obtained control of the market until American beef costs as much as the English article.

GUNBOAT STOPS FILIPINOS.

They Had Escaped Troops Who were in Pursuit.

MANILA, Dec. 8.—Fifty-two prisoners have been captured in the suburbs of San Antonio and San Benito by a detachment of the Thirtieth Regiment. Others who escaped the troops were stopped by the gunboat Laguna de Bay as they ran along the shore.

The Philippine Commission has prepared a bill fixing the duties upon imports and exports. There will be a public discussion of the measure next week. Importations from the United States into the island are dutiable.

Storm Damage in France. PARIS, Dec. 8.—Recent storms have caused great damage in the provinces.

THE HOLLAND-PORTUGAL WAR.

JOHNSTON WED
LULU BIRDSALL.

Manchester's Former Secretary Denies Alliance with Neustretter.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Carl Johnston denies that he is married to Miss Nellie Neustretter, as the Duke of Manchester announced in New York a few days ago. He says that the Duke should have known better. Johnston says he is married, but to Miss Lulu Birdsall, well known in New York.

As for the report that the young man is on his way to Cape Nome it is contradicted by his being in London at present. He will try to earn a living there.

Mr. Johnston, known as "Carl" among the clubs here, was the private secretary of the Duke until his aspirations for the hand of Miss Zimmerman, now the Duke's wife, cut short his employment with his patron.

TRIED TO BURN
BIG THEATRE

Incendiary Blaze at the New York This Morning.

A fire started at the bottom of the freight elevator shaft in the New York Theatre about 11 o'clock this morning and caused a great deal of excitement. An alarm was turned in, but before the engines arrived the employees had put the fire out.

A man named Johnson who is employed in the building, said he saw a man sneak out of the building just before the fire was discovered.

An investigation has been started by the Fire Department and another by the management of the theatre. A discharged employee is suspected. After a few hours hard work the entrance was put in ship shape for the afternoon and evening performances.

HE DIED FROM
MAD DOG'S BITE

Frank Connelly Attacked by St. Bernard Three Months Ago.

Frank Connelly, of Hastings, N. Y., is dead of hydrophobia at St. Vincent's Hospital. He was foreman of construction on a trolley road near Hastings.

Three months ago he was bitten by a St. Bernard dog. The wound healed, but Tuesday he became suddenly ill. His physician noticed symptoms of hydrophobia and advised him to go to the New York Pasteur Institute. He arrived here Wednesday, but was so violently ill he went to St. Vincent's Hospital. Nothing could be done for him but relieve his suffering by the administration of opiates.

For a Cold in the Head
Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets

HOLLAND NOT
TO AID BOERS.

Arbitration Plans Off and Kruger Will Wait Awhile.

ANTWERP, Dec. 8.—A special despatch from The Hague says Holland has no intention to intervene in favor of arbitration in the Transvaal troubles. This reported decision is said to relate to the rupture between Holland and Portugal. It follows closely a denial that the two countries are going to make a serious matter of their split over alleged treaty violations in South Africa.

Significance is added by the statement of President Kruger that he will remain quietly in The Hague for some time and make no further attempt to have the cause of the Boers submitted to arbitration.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 8.—Queen Wilhelmina received Mr. Kruger in audience today. As the Boer statesman was travelling incognito the visit was not attended by the ceremony usually paid to a chief of State. A court official proceeded to his hotel and accompanied Mr. Kruger to the royal palace in a state carriage.

Dr. Leyds received Mr. Kruger at the door of the palace, but was not present at the audience.

LISBON, Dec. 8.—King Carlos, Queen Marie Amelie and Prince Royal Louis Philippe, accompanied by the members of the cabinet and other dignitaries, were entertained at luncheon on board the British battleship Majestic by Vice-Admiral Sir Harry Hildebrandt, here to-day.

The Portuguese hymn was sung and Admiral Hildebrandt proposed a toast to the royal family.

The King replied in English, thanking Admiral Hildebrandt for the sentiments expressed.

The royal visitors remained aboard the battleship three hours, and later assisted at an entertainment at the British Legation.

MINISTER WU TO LECTURE.

Confucius and His Teachings His Subject.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The Chinese Minister, Wu Tingfang, went to New York to-day where he will deliver an address to-morrow night on "Confucius and His Teachings."

Young Brothers' Big Reception.

Next Monday, Dec. 10, the employees of Young Brothers, the well-known retail haters, will give the members of the firm a grand reception to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the establishment of the firm.

The affair, which will, no doubt, be very attractive, will be held at the main store at Broadway and Houston street. All the other stores of the firm being closed for the day.

During the day Dr. Leo Gomer's Hungarian orchestra will be heard, and the store will be beautifully decorated with handsome floral and electrical effects. All the employees of the Youngs stores will be present in great numbers, and the occasion will certainly be one of good fellowship and good cheer.

Handsome souvenirs will be given to both ladies and gentlemen.

Committees on Arrangement, Decoration, Music, Refreshments and Electrical display are hard at work, with a firm resolve to make this an event long to be remembered.

PRETTY MAID NOW
A MILLIONAIRE'S BRIDE.

MRS. MARIE OXNARD.

Henry T. Oxnard Married
Marie Plinchon in Paris,
and Both in Town.

Henry T. Oxnard, of San Francisco, President of the American Beet Sugar Association, and many times a millionaire, is a guest at the Hotel Albemarle. He put up there with his bride after the arrival of the Deutschland on which they crossed after a wedding Nov. 15 in the Church of the Madeleine, Paris.

SITE FOR NEW HOSPITAL.

Offers to Trustees of Tuberculosis Institute in Adirondacks.

The aims of those interested in having the State tuberculosis hospital built on Clear Lake in the Adirondacks have been temporarily frustrated. At a joint meeting of the State Board of Forestry and the State Board of Health and the trustees of the proposed hospital, the trustees were instructed to report on alternative sites.

Although the Adirondacks site is regarded as most favorable, a proposition from Dannemora calls for consideration. A free site has been offered, one and a half miles from the village. The DeLaware and Hudson road has offered to build a station and the proposition is extended to cover a change of name for the post-office station to avoid the objection now pertaining to Dannemora because of the location there of a State penal institution. The practical economy of the proposition has brought the committee to consider its availability.

TOOK ACID IN HIS VAN.

William Seibe, Poor and Despondent, Ended His Life.

William Seibe, forty-five years old, a driver, who lived at 15 West One Hundred and Fourteenth street, committed suicide at 7:30 o'clock this morning by taking carbolic acid.

Seibe killed himself in a van belonging to his employer, Henry Oger, in a lot at 28 West One Hundred and Forty-first street. Despondency is given as the cause for the deed.

Seibe's wife has been dead some time and he and his eleven-year-old son lived with Mrs. Bowley, the landlady at the above number. He was three weeks behind in his board and Mrs. Bowley says she had not seen him for the last three days.

The only relative he had is a sister-in-law, who lives at Eighty-third street and Amsterdam avenue, who, it is thought, will take care of Seibe's son.

J. ROOSEVELT
DIES IN HOTEL.

Was a Railroad Director and Relative of the Governor.

James Roosevelt, well known in railroad and social circles, died to-day at the Hotel Renaissance, 2 West Forty-third street, from a complication of diseases.

He was born in this city seventy-five years ago, and since 1874 has been one of the Board of Managers of the Delaware and Hudson Company and Vice-President since 1892.

He was President of the Champlain Transportation Company and a trustee and one of the incorporators of the City Trust Company and a trustee of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company.

He had a large estate at Hyde Park on the Hudson, where he spent most of his time. He was also chairman of the Maritime Canal Company of Nicaragua.

He went to the Hotel Renaissance a few weeks ago, where he was taken sick. He leaves a wife and two sons—James Roosevelt, Roosevelt and Franklin D. Roosevelt. He was a graduate of Harvard University and lieutenant relative of Governor and Vice-President-elect Roosevelt.

JOHN W. GEBHARDT DEAD.

Department Editor of the Sun Succumbs of Typhoid Fever.

John W. Gebhardt, the department editor of the New York Sun, died in Roosevelt Hospital at 2:15 o'clock this morning after a two weeks' illness with typhoid fever.

He was born in Dayton, O., in 1839. His father, John H. Gebhardt, is the wealthiest merchant of that city, being the head of the lined oil and lumber interests there.

Graduating from Wittenburg College, at Springfield, O., which was endowed by the Gebhardt family, young Gebhardt, after a brief experience in Western newspaper work, came to New York. He first was attached to the staff of The World and later went to the United Press. He entered the service of the Sun in 1867.

He was a member of the Press Club and the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity Club.

SILVER NOT "AT HOME."

Man Who Got \$300,000 from Chemical Bank Sends Message.

John S. Silver, who three years ago got \$300,000 from the Chemical Bank upon securities afterward alleged to have been worth less than 300 cents, is in the Fombis charged with grand larceny. The sum named is \$200.

An Evening World reporter sent a card to Mr. Silver's cell requesting an interview. "Inform the gentleman," said Mr. Silver, with a Chesterfieldian wave of the hand, "that I am not at home."

His Fall Proved Fatal.

Louis Gunderson, a driver, of 309 West Sixty-ninth street, died in Roosevelt Hospital to-day of injuries received yesterday. Gunderson was loading stones on a barge at the foot of Seventy-sixth street and North River and fell from the barge.

8 FUNNY PAGES

EDITED BY
GEORGE W. PECK.

New Feature
Next Sunday.
"Peck's
Bad Boy
Grown Up."

What's the Answer?

What's the difference between a bronze building on the left-hand side of the lawn in front of a brick house that belongs to a bad-headed man who is too mean to give his only daughter music lessons when they are only 25 cents an hour?

AND
a man with red whiskers who has bought a whale for \$1.25 but can't put a tag on the whale because the whayes keep washing it off?

If you want to know the answer (if you don't already know it), see page 6, Comic Weekly, to-morrow's Sunday World.

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CHARLES DANA GIBSON, THE FAMOUS ARTIST.

Drawn from Life in Many Poses for Which He Sat Especially to Kate Carew, Together with a Most Interesting Interview in Which He Disperses the Popular Illusion About "the Gibson Girl," Discusses Art, Talks of His Babies, Describes His Methods of Work and Makes Clear the Secret of His Success.